National Coordinators for the Study on Regional Cooperation in the Fields of Trade, Manufactures & Services, which can be taken up for implementation in the immediate run and also oversee the implementation of such recommendations. There are recommendations in the report which have a direct bearing on Indo-Pak economic relations, such as commitment to extend MFN treatment & standstill on & roll-back of tariff and non-tariff barriers.

Communal riots during recent Elections

595. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some communal riots took place during recent Lok Sabha and Assembly elections in the country; and

(b) if so, the dates, places, main reasons for the riots and the number of people killed/injured in each incident?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) Yes, Sir. As per information available, major communal riots in five districts of Uttar Pradesh took place during the recent Lok Sabha and Assembly elections in the country.

(b) A statement is attached.

Statement

A Statement showing the particulars of major communal riots which took place during the Lok Sabha and Assembly elections in the country is as under: —

Name of the place and date	Number of persons		Main reasons for the riot
	Killed	Injured	
1	2	3	4
UTTAR PRADESH :			
Varanasi ((18—21-5-91)	10	146	Clash between supporters of two different political parties near the venue of a meeting.
Kanpur (19—22-5-91)	18	64	Alleged shouting of provocative slogans in a procession by supporters of a political party.
Gulawati town (Distt. Bulandshahar) (20—22-5-91)	11	5	Violence following allegation of poll malpractices.
Meerut (20—23-5-91)	31	67	Clash between the supporters of two political parties.
Allahabad (22-5-91)	4	23	Communal riot consequent to pelting of stone and arson between two communities).